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1. REFTEL (1) REQUESTED ANOTHER REVIEW BY RSO OF SECURITY IMPROVEMENTS RECOMMENDED IN REF (3) FOR US MISSION OECD WITH VIEW TOWARDS COST REDUCTION. SPECIFICALLY THE RECOMMENDED SECURITY CONTROL CENTER FOR THE RECEPTIONIST AND MARINE GUARD TO CONTROL ACCESS, CLOSED CIRCUIT TELEVISION (CCTV) AND CERTAIN ELECTRICALLY CONTROLLED LOCKS WERE EVALUATED BY SY/FO AS EXPENSIVE AND SOPHISTICATED.

2. THE RSO HAS CONDUCTED THE REVIEW AND DISCUSSED ALTERNATIVE SOLUTIONS WITH THE CONCERNED OECD STAFF AND OFFICER IN CHARGE, REGIONAL TECHNICAL CENTER, FRANKFURT. FACTS CONSIDERED DURING THE REEVALUATION WERE:

(1) GENERAL SECURITY SITUATION INCLUDING TERRORIST ATTACK AND HOSTAGE SITUATION EIGHTEEN MONTHS AGO AT SAUDI ARABIAN EMBASSY CONTIGUOUS TO OECD BUILDING HOUSING US MISSION; (2) SECURITY FOR OECD AMOUNTS TO UNARMED MALE RECEPTIONISTS AT GROUND FLOOR ENTRANCES; (3) POLICE COVERAGE CONSISTS OF IRREGULAR PASSAGE BY PATROL CAR; (4) OTHER MISSIONS WITHIN BUILDING HAVE STRENGTHENED CONSIDERABLY INTERNAL PHYSICAL SECURITY; (5) EQUIPMENT FOR CCTV AND ELECTRIC LOCKS ALREADY IN RTC FRANKFURT INVENTORY WILL BE INSTALLED

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BY THEIR PERSONNEL, THEREBY ELIMINATING RELATED COSTS.

3. RECONSTRUCTION OF RECEPTION AREA TO PROVIDE ACCESS CONTROLS AND DETERRENT TO ACTIONS AGAINST SAFETY AND WELL BEING OF PERSONNEL IS FIRST PRIORITY. UNIT TERMED SECURITY CENTER IS MOST PRACTICAL AND INTEGRAL SEGMENT OF THIS CONTROL SYSTEM. SECOND PRIORITY IS REPLACEMENT OF WOODEN ENTRANCE DOORS WITH LIGHTWEIGHT METAL DOORS. THIRD PRIORITY IS CCTV AND ELECTRIC LOCKS ON ELEVATOR DOORS AT BACK OF US MISSION.

4. GSO OBTAINING ANOTHER BID FOR SECURITY CONTROL CENTER AND RTC FRANKFURT EXAMINING FEASIBILITY AND COST FACTOR FOR PREFABRICATION BY THEM OF SUCH UNIT WITH ULTIMATE INSTALLATION BY SEABEE TEAM. UNDOUBTEDLY, MOST EXPENSIVE (AND IMPORTANT) PORTION OF UNIT IS STRENGTHENED GLASS.

5. RSO OPINION THAT PREVIOUSLY RECOMMENDED SECURITY IMPROVEMENTS ARE REALISTIC, VALID AND IN CONFORMANCE WITH MODERN DAY SECURITY METHODS. AMBASSADOR US MISSION AND OFFICER IN CHARGE RTC CONCUR.

6. RSO UNDERSTANDS PROBLEM OF FUNDING, BUT DOES NOT BELIEVE IT WITHIN HIS PURVIEW TO DIMINISH NECESSARY SECURITY REQUIREMENTS ON THAT BASIS.
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